



# SEYCHELLES UNITED MOVEMENT ELECTION MANIFESTO 2025

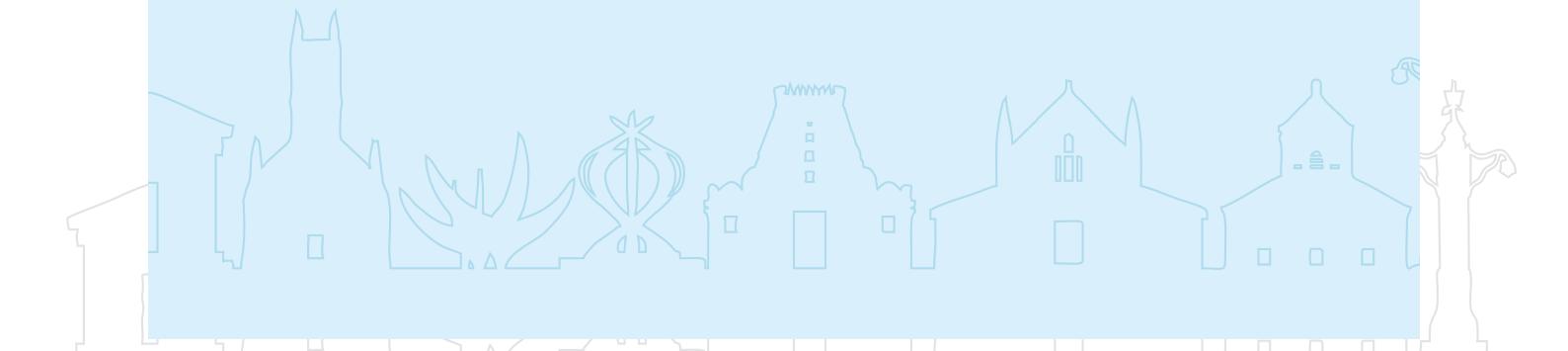


## Our Vision

A strong, united, and prosperous Seychelles where bold reforms drive economic growth, justice ensures fairness, and every Seychellois thrives in a nation built on opportunity, sustainability, and national pride.

## Our Mission

To transform Seychelles into a land of progress and prosperity by implementing bold, people-first policies that empower citizens, strengthen the economy, protect human rights, and secure a future where every Seychellois can achieve their dreams.





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# Message from the SUM President

## Mr. Maarco Francis



Dear Fellow Seychellois,

On September 27, 2025, you hold the power to reshape our nation's future. Seychelles is at a breaking point-years of economic stagnation, unfulfilled promises, and poor governance under the LDS administration have left us struggling. Families can't afford basics, healthcare is crumbling, education is failing our youth, and corruption has eroded trust.

This manifesto is your roadmap to renewal. It's not just words-it's a detailed plan to deliver prosperity, dignity, and opportunity for every Seychellois. SUM stands ready with bold leadership, practical solutions, and a fierce commitment to you-our people. Together, we'll shatter the cycles of poverty and betrayal, replacing them with hope, progress, and unity.

Examine our promises. Hold us accountable. Your vote is your voice-let's use it to reclaim our island's destiny and build a Seychelles where no one is left behind. For a stronger tomorrow,

  
Mr. Maarco Lorenzo Francis  
President of Seychelles United Movement

# Core Principles of SUM

SUM is built on the values of patriotism, justice, and progress, with a clear commitment to transforming Seychelles into a nation of strength, opportunity, and shared prosperity

**Reform & Prosperity** – Reshape Seychelles with bold reforms that create lasting prosperity, ensuring every Seychellois has a stake in the nation's success.

**Freedom & Equality** – Guarantee that every citizen has the opportunity to thrive, free from oppression, discrimination, or economic hardship.

**Solidarity & National Pride** – Strengthen our nation through education, skill development, and a shared commitment to democracy and sustainability.

**Empowering Seychellois** – Secure jobs, quality education, and civic participation as fundamental rights for all citizens.

**A People-Driven Economy** – Build a fair economy that rewards hard work, prioritizes Seychellois businesses, and ensures wealth is distributed equitably.

**Welfare & Dignity for All** – Ensure world-class health care, robust social support systems, and quality education, leaving no Seychellois behind. Provide world-class healthcare, strong social support systems, and quality education so that no Seychellois is left behind.

**Justice & Fairness** – Implement equitable fair taxation and policies that uphold and prioritize integrity, accountability, and the best interests of the Seychellois people above all

**Workers' Rights & Economic Empowerment** – Ensure fair wages, safe working conditions, and equal opportunities for all Seychellois workers.

**Youth as Pillars of Progress** – Recognize our young people as the driving force of Seychelles' future. Invest in their education, leadership, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Create meaningful opportunities that empower youth to shape policy, build careers, and lead with confidence, ensuring their voices guide the direction of our nation.

**Innovation & Creativity as a National Asset** – Embrace the power of the creative industries and the digital economy to drive innovation, job creation, and national pride. Support artists, content creators, and cultural entrepreneurs as vital contributors to both our identity and economy, positioning Seychelles as a vibrant hub of talent and imagination.

**Security & Sovereignty for All** – Safeguard our national sovereignty and community safety through strong, transparent institutions, a well-resourced security sector, and unwavering respect for the rights and dignity of every Seychellois. Ensure our borders, institutions, and people are protected with integrity and accountability.

**Environmental Stewardship** – Protect Seychelles' natural beauty with sustainable development, green technology, and renewable energy initiatives.

**Stronger, United Communities** – Foster trust, cooperation, and local leadership to create thriving, self-sufficient communities.

**A Government of the People** – Promote transparency, accountability, and governance that serves Seychellois first.

**A Seychelles that Leads** – Strengthen international partnerships to position Seychelles as a leader in diplomacy, sustainability, and global cooperation

# The First 100 Days

## Immediate Action

SUM will act swiftly and decisively. Within our first 100 days, we'll tackle urgent issues with concrete steps to deliver results you can see and feel.

**1. Reform STC – Lower Prices, Fairer Trade for Seychellois:** Our administration will cap Seychelles Trading Company (STC) profits at 10%, ensuring that essential goods like rice, flour, and oil remain affordable. We will introduce strict audits on procurement to eliminate wasteful spending and redirect savings toward subsidizing staple foods, reducing the cost of living for all Seychellois.

**2. Cut Fuel Tax by 50% – Lower Costs, Stronger Economy:** Our administration will reduce the tax on petrol and diesel for domestic fuel sales at the pump by 50%, immediately lowering fuel prices for local consumers. This will have a drastic impact on the cost of goods and services, as transportation and operational costs will decrease across all sectors. This reduction will apply only to local consumers, while tax rates for international fishing vessels, yachts, and airplanes will remain unchanged.

**3. Strengthen Healthcare – Immediate Action for Better Care:** Our administration will launch an immediate audit of the Seychelles healthcare system to identify weaknesses and failures, ensuring urgent improvements where needed. At the same time, we will rapidly increase expert human capacity by bringing in well-trained and experienced doctors through partnerships with allied countries. This dual approach will provide Seychellois with specialized, high-quality, and immediate healthcare, reducing waiting times and ensuring no one is left without proper medical attention.

**4. Free Child Day Care – Supporting Families, Investing in Our Future:** Our administration will launch free day care services for all Seychellois children, saving parents between SCR 1,500–3,000 per month. This initiative will ease the financial burden on working families, provide children

with quality early education, and allow parents to focus on their careers and livelihoods while ensuring their children receive the care they deserve.

**5. Equal Work, Equal Pay – Fair Wages for Every Seychellois:** Our administration will immediately implement policies to eliminate wage disparities between Seychellois and foreign workers by enforcing strict regulations and audits. If you have the same skills and perform the same job, you will receive equal pay—no exceptions. This ensures fairness, dignity, and economic justice for all Seychellois workers, empowering our people and strengthening our workforce.

**6. Support Vulnerable Groups – Easing Daily Burdens:** Our administration will introduce targeted subsidies on essentials such as food, utilities, and transport for low-income families, pensioners, and the disabled. Through Family Credits, we will ensure that those most in need receive direct support, reducing financial strain and improving their quality of life. No Seychellois will be left behind.

**7. Expedite Land Purchase and Home Ownership – Faster, Fairer Access for Seychellois:** Our administration will remove the arbitrary three-year maturity clause for land allocation and replace it with a clear, transparent process that allows eligible Seychellois to move forward with building their homes without unnecessary delays. We will streamline the land purchase system, ensuring that those who meet the criteria can secure their property and begin construction without bureaucratic roadblocks. Homeownership should be a right, not a waiting game.

**8. Internet Access for All – A Connected Seychelles:** Our administration will remove taxes on internet bills for family homes and develop a comprehensive plan to subsidize internet access for low- and middle-income families. The internet is no longer a luxury—it is a necessity for education, business, and daily life. This

initiative will empower students, entrepreneurs, and families, ensuring that every Seychellois has affordable and reliable access to the digital world.

**9. Empower Local Governance – Giving Power Back to the People:** Our administration will hold elections for District Councils and School Boards, ensuring that communities have direct control over their local priorities, from roads to classrooms. This will allow Seychellois to have a stronger voice in decision-making, fostering accountability, transparency, and development that addresses the real needs of their districts and its people.

**10. Unleash Entrepreneurs – Cutting Red Tape, Boosting Innovation:** Our administration will review and revoke all outdated business licensing process, allowing Seychellois to start a business by simply registering with the Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC) and following industry-specific Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). This will eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy, reduce delays, and create a thriving business environment where innovation and economic growth can flourish.

**11. End the Traviso**ry - Freedom to Travel, Growth for Seychelles: Our administration will immediately abolish the Travisory, removing the unnecessary forms and fees that burden tourists, returning Seychellois, and business visitors. This will simplify travel, boost tourism, and ease movement, ensuring Seychelles remains a welcoming and accessible destination for all.

**12. Expand Travel & Import Freedom – More Freedom, Less Red Tape:** Our administration will increase personal import and travel allowances to SCR 25,000, allowing Seychellois to bring more goods home without unnecessary restrictions. We will also eliminate the SCR 500 Cargo Tax at airports, reducing travel costs for families and small traders. These

measures will put more money back in the hands of Seychellois and make travel and trade easier for all.

**13. Put the Assumption Project on Hold – Protecting Our Environment for Future Generations:** Our administration will renegotiate to bring a suspension to the project until a thorough, independent longitudinal environmental impact study is conducted in partnership with NGOs and UNESCO. This ensures that Seychelles' fragile ecosystems remain protected and that all decisions are based on science, sustainability, and the best interests of our nation.

**14. TRNUC Resolution – Justice, Closure, and National Unity:** Our administration will establish an independent committee led by a former judge to review every TRNUC recommendation case by case and ensure just and equitable compensation for victims. Through constructive dialogue with all implicated parties, we will deliver a comprehensive solution that brings closure and unites our nation—allowing Seychelles to move forward together, stronger than ever.

**15. Bring Closure to the Cascade Community – The Full Truth Must Be Known:** Our administration will launch a full and independent investigation into the December 7, 2023, Cascade explosion. The people of Seychelles deserve answers, and we will ensure that the findings are publicly released. This is about justice, accountability, and restoring trust—no more cover-ups, no more unanswered questions.

These steps are just the start.  
SUM is ready to deliver from Day One

# Key Priorities

## Building a Stronger Seychelles

SUM's detailed 18-point plan will transform Seychelles into a prosperous, fair, and sustainable nation. Here's how we'll govern:

### 1. Reduce the Cost of Living

- **Regional Imports – Lower Costs, Fresher Food, Stronger Supply.**

**The Plan:** Our administration will source essential food products from regional partner nations to cut shipping costs, ensure fresher supplies, and stabilize prices.

**How It Will Work:**

- Establish direct trade agreements with nearby suppliers.
- Reduce reliance on costly long-haul imports.
- Improve supply chain efficiency for better food quality.

**The Benefit:** This policy will lower food prices, improve food security, and ensure Seychellois have access to fresher, more affordable goods.

- **Local Production – Food Security is National Security**

**The Plan:** Our administration will invest in local farming and food production to reduce Seychelles' dependence on costly imports and strengthen national food security. The goal is to ensure 50% of the country's food supply comes from local production within 10 years.

**How It Will Work:**

- Provide subsidies and financial support to farmers and small agrobusinesses.
- Subsidies on animal feed, herbicides and pesticides.
- Invest in modern farming techniques to increase efficiency and yield.
- Develop local food processing facilities to reduce waste and add value to local products.

**The Benefit:** This policy will reduce food costs, create jobs in agriculture, and protect Seychelles from global supply chain disruptions, ensuring a more self-reliant and resilient food system.

- **Family Assistance Credit – Supporting Low-Income Households**

**The Plan:** Our administration will introduce a transparent Family Assistance Credit to provide direct income support to families earning under SCR 8,500 per month, ensuring financial relief for those who need it most. The assistance will be scaled based on the number of dependents to offer fair and meaningful support.

**How It Will Work:**

- Provide direct income assistance to eligible families to help cover basic living expenses.
- Scale support according to household size, ensuring larger families receive adequate aid.
- Regularly review and adjust the program to reflect economic conditions and inflation.

**The Benefit:** This policy will reduce financial strain on low-income families, improve overall living standards, and ensure that vulnerable households can afford essential needs without constant financial hardship.

- **Support for the Vulnerable – Fair Pay for Caregivers**

**The Plan:** Our administration will increase the allowance of caregivers to SCR 8,500 ensuring they receive fair assistance for their essential role in supporting the elderly, disabled, and vulnerable members of society.

**How It Will Work:** Adjust caregiver allowance to reflect the importance of their work and the rising cost of living.

**The Benefit:** This policy will enhance the quality of care provided to vulnerable individuals, improve job satisfaction and financial assistance for caregivers, and ensure that those in need receive the dignity and support they deserve.

- **Vehicle Relief – Easier, More Accessible Vehicle Testing**

**The Plan:** Our administration will overhaul the testing station infrastructure to a more modern and digital system. We will establish mechanisms for allowing private testing centers across the country to improve efficiency and accessibility.

**How It Will Work:** By updating and modernizing the physical and digital infrastructure of the vehicle testing procedure, eliminating long wait times and congestion at the testing station which affects both private individuals and commercial entities causing frustration and lost earnings.

**The Benefit:** This policy will speed up certification decrease wait times at government testing centers, and provide more convenient access to inspection services while maintaining road safety standards.

## 2. Revolutionize Healthcare

- **Global Partnerships – Advancing Healthcare Through Innovation**

**The Plan:** Our administration will collaborate with leading international institutions to enhance medical training, introduce cutting-edge healthcare technology, and improve healthcare standards.

**How It Will Work:** Establish partnerships with top medical institutions to provide specialized training for Seychellois healthcare professionals and integrate advanced healthcare technologies into the national system.

**The Benefit:** This policy will improve the quality of medical care, ensure better-equipped healthcare facilities, and provide Seychellois with access to world-class treatment without needing to travel.

- **Regional Clinics – Strengthening Healthcare Access Across Seychelles**

**The Plan:** Our administration will upgrade five key district health centers with full staffing, modern medical equipment, and laboratory facilities to ensure high-quality healthcare services closer to communities.

**How It Will Work:** Renovate and equip selected district health centers with the necessary medical infrastructure, ensuring they are fully staffed with trained professionals and equipped with modern diagnostic and treatment facilities.

**The Benefit:** This policy will improve access to quality healthcare, reduce overcrowding Victoria hospitals, and provide faster and more efficient medical services to Seychellois in all regions.

- **Workforce Development, Strengthening and Retaining Healthcare Professionals**

**The Plan:** Our administration will improve working conditions for healthcare professionals by increasing salaries, enhancing benefits, and expanding scholarship opportunities for specialized training abroad to build a stronger medical workforce.

**How It Will Work:** Adjust salaries, improve benefits, and establish international training partnerships to ensure Seychellois medical professionals receive advanced education and skills development.

**The Benefit:** This policy will attract and retain skilled healthcare workers, improve patient care quality, and reduce reliance on foreign medical staff, ensuring a more self-sufficient healthcare system for Seychelles.

- **Telemedicine – Expanding Access to Specialist Healthcare**

**The Plan:** Our administration will introduce a digital healthcare platform to facilitate remote specialist consultations, ensuring that Seychellois can access expert medical advice without unnecessary travel or long wait times.

**How It Will Work:** Implement telemedicine services in public healthcare facilities, allowing patients

to consult with specialists remotely for non-emergency medical conditions.

**The Benefit:** This policy will improve healthcare accessibility, reduce pressure on hospitals, and provide faster medical assistance, especially for those in remote areas, ensuring efficient and timely care for all Seychellois.

### 3. Transform Education

#### • Decentralized Schools – Empowering Communities for Better Education

**The Plan:** Our administration will give each school greater autonomy by establishing elected school boards and providing dedicated budgets to improve facilities, manage staffing needs, and enhance the quality of education.

**How It Will Work:** Establish school boards made up of parents, teachers, and community members, giving them control over budgeting, staffing, and facility improvements to meet local needs.

**The Benefit:** This policy will create more responsive and well-managed schools, improve learning environments, and ensure that decisions affecting students and teachers are made by those who understand their needs best.

#### • Teacher Investment – Elevating Education Through Skilled Educators

**The Plan:** Our administration will enhance salaries, provide better incentives, and sponsor teachers for advanced training abroad to equip them with modern teaching methods and improve the overall quality of education. We will introduce administrative support staff at our schools to remove the excess work load from our educators which diverts the attention from teaching and burdens our teachers.

**How It Will Work:** Increase teacher salaries, introduce performance-based incentives, and establish international training partnerships to upgrade skills and bring innovative teaching practices to Seychelles.

**The Benefit:** This policy will attract and retain highly qualified educators, improve student learning outcomes, and ensure Seychelles develops a world-class education system that prepares students for the future.

#### • Future-Ready Curriculum – Preparing Seychellois for Tomorrow's Economy

**The Plan:** Our administration will modernize the national curriculum by integrating coding, entrepreneurship, and climate studies to equip students with the skills needed for the future job market and a sustainable Seychelles.

**How It Will Work:** Introduce specialized school courses guided by international mentors, providing students with practical knowledge in technology, business, and environmental responsibility.

**The Benefit:** This policy will create a highly skilled, innovative, and adaptable workforce, preparing Seychellois youth for global opportunities while fostering a culture of sustainability and entrepreneurship.

### 4. Ignite Economic Growth

#### • Abolishing Seychelles Licensing Authority – Making Business Startup Fast and Affordable:

**The Plan:** Our administration will replace the current complex and costly business licensing process with a streamlined and more efficient system that allows businesses to start operating within 48 hours from registration with the Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC) and compliance with Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

**How It Will Work:** Eliminate the Seychelles Licensing Authority in its current form and replace business permits with SRC registration and strict industry-specific SOP compliance to ensure responsible business practices.

**The Benefit:** This policy will reduce startup costs, eliminate bureaucratic delays, and encourage entrepreneurship, allowing more Seychellois to successfully start and grow businesses without being held back by excessive red tape.

## • We Will Fund Your Startup – Affordable Financing Without Land Pledges

**The Plan:** Our administration will make it easier for Seychellois to access business financing by taxing bank profits at an additional 5% and channelling SCR 50 million annually to the Development Bank of Seychelles (DBS) for low-interest loans, removing the need for land pledges as collateral.

**How It Will Work:** Redirect funds from bank profit taxation to DBS, offering 4% interest loans specifically for startups and small businesses, ensuring accessible and affordable financing without requiring land as security.

**The Benefit:** This policy will empower Seychellois entrepreneurs by providing capital to launch and expand businesses, creating jobs, stimulating economic growth, and removing barriers that prevent new businesses from starting.

## • Restructuring ESA – Efficient, Private-Sector Led Support for Entrepreneurs

**The Plan:** Our administration will completely restructure the Enterprise Seychelles Agency (ESA) and overhaul grant allocation procedures by placing a Public-Private Sector Board at its helm. This will ensure that ESA functions as a streamlined, efficient, and results-driven resource center dedicated to supporting young business owners and startups.

### How It Will Work:

- Shift ESA's leadership from government bureaucrats to a board composed of experienced private-sector professionals who understand business challenges and opportunities.
- Simplify and streamline grant application processes to reduce bureaucracy and ensure funds reach deserving entrepreneurs quickly.
- Transform ESA into a true resource center that provides expert guidance, funding, and mentorship to startups and small businesses.

**The Benefit:** This policy will create an effective, entrepreneur-focused institution that actively supports Seychellois businesses, fosters innovation, and ensures that funding and assistance are used to develop successful and sustainable enterprises.

## • Lowering Energy & Fuel Prices – A Major Economic Boost

**The Plan:** Our administration will make fuel and electricity more affordable by securing competitive fuel suppliers from energy-producing partner nations, reducing taxes on fuel, and exploring the return of Seychelles' own tankers to serve domestic needs.

**How It Will Work:** Secure better fuel supply agreements with trusted international partners to lower costs and stabilize domestic prices.

**The Benefit:** Lower fuel prices will reduce transportation and business costs, ease the financial burden on families, and make Seychelles a more competitive and economically stable nation.

## • Making Life Easier for Professionals – Rewarding Hard Work, Reducing Barriers

**The Plan:** Our administration will ease the financial burden on hardworking Seychellois professionals by reviewing tax deductions, improving access to homeownership, streamlining government services, and creating better opportunities for investment and personal imports.

**How It Will Work:** Implement tax reforms, better financing options for homeownership, and reduced bureaucracy in government services to ensure professionals receive the benefits they contribute to.

**The Benefit:** This policy will put more money back in the hands of professionals, provide them with greater financial security, and create more opportunities for investment, homeownership, and economic growth, both locally and internationally.

## • Local Business First – Empowering Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises

**The Plan:** Our administration will ensure that small and medium-sized Seychellois enterprises receive a fair share of government contracts, fostering local business growth and strengthening the national economy.

**How It Will Work:** Mandate that a portion of all government contracts be awarded to Seychellois small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), giving them opportunities to expand and compete fairly.

**The Benefit:** This policy will create jobs, support entrepreneurship, and build a stronger local business sector, reducing reliance on foreign companies and keeping economic opportunities within Seychelles.

#### • **Keeping Cash – A Right, Not a Choice**

**The Plan:** Our administration will ensure that cash remains a valid and accessible payment option for all Seychellois, protecting financial freedom and preventing exclusion in an increasingly digital economy.

**How It Will Work:** Guarantee that businesses and public services continue to accept cash transactions, ensuring that no one is forced into digital-only payments.

**The Benefit:** This policy will protect those without access to digital banking, prevent a two-tier society, and ensure that all Seychellois, regardless of technological access or preference, can fully participate in the economy.

## 5. Embrace Technology

- **E-Gov Portal:** A centralized digital platform and interlinkages for all government services, including taxes, permits, and registrations, streamlining processes, reducing wait times by 80%, and eliminating unnecessary bureaucracy.
- **Lowering Internet and Mobile Data Costs:** Engage public-private partnerships to reduce internet and mobile data costs, encourage competition by facilitating the creation of more ISPs, and explore alternative solutions like satellite internet to improve connectivity in remote areas for both public and private use.
- **Stable and Consistent High-Speed Internet:** Invest in high-speed fiber optic infrastructure across all main inhabited islands to ensure reliable connectivity, even in rural areas. This initiative will future-proof Seychelles' digital infrastructure, meeting the growing demands of businesses,

education, and daily life while ensuring every Seychellois has access to stable, high-speed internet.

- **Youth Tech:** Invest in fintech and IT training programs for students, integrating digital skills into the education system and providing hands-on experience with emerging technologies. Partner with industry leaders to offer mentorship, internships, and certifications, ensuring Seychellois youth are prepared for high-paying jobs in the global digital economy.

## 6. Affordable Housing

- **Public-Private Partnerships for Housing:** Collaborate with banks and developers to accelerate home construction, streamline financing options, and make homeownership more accessible. Implement flexible mortgage plans with lower interest rates and longer repayment terms, allowing Seychellois families to secure affordable housing. Promote sustainable and modern construction methods to ensure long-term durability and lower maintenance costs, creating a stable and well-planned housing sector for future generations.
- **First-Time Buyers Support:** Launch financial assistance programs tailored for young families and single parents, providing grants, low-interest loans, and flexible repayment plans to help them secure their first home. This initiative will make homeownership more accessible, reduce financial barriers, and support a stable future for Seychellois families.

## 7. Justice for All

- **Efficient Courts:** Expand the judiciary by appointing more judges and legal staff, modernize case management with digital systems to streamline processes, and implement measures to reduce case backlogs, ensuring faster and more effective justice for all Seychellois.
- **Enhanced Legal Aid:** Increase funding for legal assistance programs and incentivize pro bono contributions from leading law firms to ensure that all Seychellois, regardless of financial status, have access to fair and effective legal representation.

- **Prison Reform – Rehabilitation, Not Just Punishment:** A prison system should rebuild lives, not destroy them. The focus should shift from a highly retributive system to a restorative one, where we will implement rehabilitation and skills training programs to support inmates' reintegration into society. Ensure dignity in prison conditions. Offer early release programs for good behavior.

## 8. End the War on Drugs

### Tackling the Drug Crisis – Addressing Supply and Demand for a Lasting Solution

Our administration will adopt a multi-phase approach based on the fundamental law of supply and demand, tackling both the root causes of drug abuse and the trafficking networks that fuel addiction. We believe that only by addressing these issues together can we achieve a long-term solution to Seychelles' drug epidemic.

This policy will reduce drug dependency through treatment and dignity-based recovery while simultaneously cutting off the supply of illicit substances, ensuring a safer and healthier Seychelles for future generations.

- **Prevention:** Introduce mandatory anti-drug education programs in all schools, equipping students with knowledge on the dangers of substance abuse and promoting awareness, prevention, and healthier lifestyle choices from an early age.
- **Rehabilitation:** Establish a dedicated treatment center with professional psychological support, specialized addiction recovery programs, and reintegration services to help individuals overcome substance abuse and rebuild their lives.
- **Employment Support:** Partner with businesses to create structured reintegration programs that provide recovered individuals with job opportunities, skills training, and mentorship. This initiative will help former addicts rebuild their lives, regain financial independence, and contribute positively to society while reducing the cycle of relapse and unemployment.

## 9. Strengthening Security & Supporting Our Uniformed Forces

- **Enhanced Salaries & Benefits for Security Personnel** – Increase pay for police officers, police support staffs, fire and rescue personnel, military, and coast guard members to reflect the critical role they play in maintaining law and order, emergency response, and national defense.
- **Modernized Equipment & Training** – Invest in state-of-the-art gear, vehicles, and technology for law enforcement, fire services, and military forces to ensure they can perform their duties safely and effectively.
- **Border Security & Anti-Smuggling Operations** – Strengthen border control by equipping ports, airports, and coastal patrols with advanced surveillance technology and increasing manpower to prevent illegal trafficking, smuggling, and other security threats.
- **Professional Development & Career Growth** – Introduce structured career advancement opportunities, specialized training programs, and international exchange programs to improve expertise and morale within all security forces.
- **National Security Strategy & Coordination** – Establish a National Security Council to enhance cooperation between police, military, intelligence services, and emergency responders to respond effectively to threats and disasters.
- **Housing & Welfare Support for Uniformed Personnel** – Develop affordable housing schemes and better social benefits for police, military, and emergency service personnel to improve their quality of life and job satisfaction.
- **Strengthening Fire & Rescue Services** – Increase funding for fire stations, emergency response equipment, and personnel training to ensure quicker response times and better protection for citizens.
- **Coast Guard Expansion & Maritime Defense** – Strengthen Seychelles' maritime security by expanding the coast guard fleet, improving offshore patrol capabilities, and enhancing regional cooperation to protect territorial waters.

- **State Security & Intelligence Enhancement –** Invest in intelligence and cybersecurity measures to safeguard Seychelles from emerging threats, ensuring a secure and stable nation for all.

## 10. More Jobs, Better Wages

- **Youth Employment:** Ensure that young individuals entering the workforce or apprenticeships after finishing school receive at least the minimum wage, providing them with fair earnings, financial independence, and a strong foundation for career growth.
- **Sector Growth:** Expand employment opportunities by investing in key industries such as agriculture, technology, tourism, and financial services. By fostering innovation, skills development, and business incentives, we will create sustainable jobs, strengthen the economy, and provide Seychellois with diverse career pathways for long-term prosperity.
- **Fair Wages:** Conduct regular audits to uphold equal pay, prevent wage discrimination, and ensure fair labor practices, guaranteeing that all Seychellois receive fair compensation for their work

## 11. Revitalize Agriculture

- **Financial Support:** Provide farmers with access to low-interest financing, enabling them to invest in advanced technologies, modern equipment, and sustainable practices to increase productivity and strengthen Seychelles' agricultural sector.

### Expanding Agricultural Land:

- **Expand access to local agricultural land to enhance farming opportunities.** Simplify and expedite the leasing process, enabling farmers to start planting sooner, boost local food production, and strengthen food security.
- **Training & Knowledge Exchange:** Establish partnerships with other countries to introduce best practices and provide specialized training for Seychellois farmers, equipping them with modern agricultural techniques to improve productivity and sustainability.
- **Market Expansion:** Strengthen local markets by improving distribution networks, supporting farm-

to-table initiatives, and creating more opportunities for farmers to sell their produce at fair prices, ensuring profitability and long-term sustainability in the agricultural sector.

- **Local Supplier Priority:** Enforce policies requiring hotels to prioritize sourcing from local farmers, fishers, and producers over imports, ensuring that Seychelles' tourism industry directly strengthens the local economy and promotes sustainable development
- **Sustainability & Innovation:** Promote eco-friendly farming techniques and agricultural research to enhance productivity while preserving Seychelles' natural resources, ensuring long-term environmental and food sustainability.
- **Smart Farming:** Promote vertical farming and hydroponics to maximize land use, increase food production, and improve efficiency, ensuring a sustainable and resilient agricultural sector for Seychelles.

## 12. Fishing Industry

- **Auditing and Renegotiating Fishing Agreements:** Seychelles' marine resources are among our greatest assets, yet unfair trade practices and poorly negotiated agreements hinder our national benefits. We will conduct a comprehensive audit of all fishing agreements to identify weaknesses and ensure Seychelles secures fair and balanced trade deals. Through renegotiation, we will prioritize local fishermen, boost national revenue, and implement sustainable marine resource management practices. This will strengthen our fishing industry and ensure that Seychellois are the primary beneficiaries of our own waters.
- **Taking Back Control of Our Local Fishing Industry:** Fishing is Seychelles' backbone, yet too much of its wealth is controlled by foreign interests. We will provide low-interest loans to artisanal fishermen (Mini Mahé Mini Loans) for fishing boats, small engines, and equipment to empower local fishermen. Make fishing a respected profession by introducing technical training and career incentives for young Seychellois. Restore pride in our fishing heritage, ensuring that Seychellois benefit first from our ocean's resources.

- **National Fishing Cooperation:** We will work with both local and international partners to develop a national fishing cooperation with its own nationally owned fishing vessels that will fish our own ocean and phase out the pillaging of our oceans by foreign companies.

### 13. Boost Tourism

- **Revamping Tourism Strategy:** Restructure the national tourism body with strong private-sector collaboration to drive sustainable growth, innovation, and long-term competitiveness.
- **Fair Treatment for Tourism & Service Workers:** Ensure fair wages, better working conditions, and tip transparency so hospitality workers receive their rightful share, recognizing their vital role in Seychelles tourism industry.
- **Modernizing the Taxi Industry:** Support taxi drivers in upgrading their services through training, digital integration, and fleet modernization to remain competitive and provide world-class transportation for locals and visitors.
- **Eco-Infrastructure:** Develop sustainable trails, eco-parks, and attractions to enhance the visitor experience while protecting Seychelles natural beauty.
- **Diversifying Offerings:** Encourage businesses to expand beyond traditional tourism services by promoting cultural, adventure, and eco-tourism experiences.
- **Financial Incentives:** Provide tax benefits and low-interest loans to businesses that invest in value-added tourism services, creating a stronger and more diverse tourism sector.
- **Sustainability Focus:** Promote eco-friendly tourism practices to ensure Seychelles benefits economically while preserving its environment for future generations.

### 14. Protect Our Environment

- **Maritime Spatial Planning Expansion:** Establish a more comprehensive framework to effectively manage Seychelles' ocean resources, balancing economic activities like fishing, tourism, and marine conservation, while safeguarding biodiversity and ensuring long-term sustainability.
- **Expanding Renewable Energy:** Increase reliance on solar and other renewable energy sources through public-private partnerships to reduce Seychelles dependence on imported fossil fuels. By expanding solar farms, encouraging affordable household solar installations, and integrating wind and hydro energy solutions, we will lower electricity costs, enhance energy security, and contribute to a cleaner environment.
- **Protecting the Coco de Mer:** A National Symbol for Every Home. Like China protects its natural treasure the giant pandas, we will ensure that the Coco de Mer remains in Seychellois hands. Every household will be encouraged to grow and preserve this national treasure, reinforcing our identity and pride.
- **Strengthening Conservation Efforts:** Expand protected marine and forest reserves while enforcing stricter environmental regulations to preserve Seychelles biodiversity. This includes increasing surveillance to prevent illegal fishing, deforestation, and unsustainable development while supporting eco-tourism and scientific research that promotes conservation and sustainable resource management.
- **Waste Management & Pollution Control:** Implement stricter waste disposal policies, expand recycling programs, and enforce penalties for illegal dumping to protect Seychelles pristine environment. We will invest in modern waste treatment facilities, promote waste-to-energy initiatives, and collaborate with businesses to reduce plastic waste, ensuring a cleaner and healthier Seychelles for residents and visitors alike.
- **Sustainable Development:** Ensure all new projects follow green building standards and promote eco-friendly business practices to balance economic growth with environmental responsibility. This includes incentives for sustainable construction,

mandatory environmental impact assessments, and promoting renewable energy integration in commercial and residential projects to reduce Seychelles carbon footprint.

- **Community Involvement:** Encourage Seychellois communities to actively participate in environmental conservation through awareness campaigns, incentive programs, and grassroots initiatives. Partnering with schools, NGOs, and local businesses, we will foster a culture of sustainability, ensuring that environmental protection remains a national priority for future generations.

## 15. Social Justice

### Strengthening Welfare Support – Expanding Assistance to Those Most in Need :

Our administration will introduce a universal social registry to track and assess the needs of vulnerable individuals, ensuring targeted and efficient support. By simplifying the application process and eliminating bureaucratic delays, we will ensure aid reaches those who truly need it. Additional funding will be allocated to essential services, including housing support, food subsidies, and emergency financial assistance for struggling families.

**Dignified Living for All – Fair Benefits for Retirees, Persons with Disabilities, and Vulnerable Groups:** We will adjust pension schemes and disability benefits annually to match inflation and the rising cost of living, ensuring retirees and persons with disabilities can afford basic necessities. Specialized housing, healthcare, and accessibility programs will be introduced to improve the quality of life for elderly and disabled citizens, guaranteeing they can live with dignity and independence.

### Support for Families & Youth – Breaking the Cycle of Poverty :

We will launch financial assistance programs for single parents and unemployed youth, combined with vocational training, entrepreneurship grants, and job placement initiatives to help them secure stable employment. By expanding affordable childcare services and creating specialized mentorship and skills development programs, we will empower struggling families to achieve financial independence and provide a better future for their children.

## 16. Ministerial Advisory Boards

- **Expert Collaboration:** Each ministry will have an advisory board composed of experienced professionals from relevant industries, ensuring practical and effective decision-making.
- **Private Sector Engagement:** SUM believes in open communication and cooperation with the private sector to drive policies that foster economic growth and innovation.
- **Inclusive Governance:** By involving business leaders, economists, and industry experts, policies will be aligned with real-world challenges and opportunities.
- **Better Policy, Stronger Economy:** A government that listens and works alongside key stakeholders will create a more dynamic, prosperous nation.

## 17. Strengthen Financial Services

- **Strategic Focus:** Under SUM, the financial services sector will be a key driver of economic growth, creating high-paying jobs and expanding opportunities for Seychellois.
- **Dedicated Leadership:** A specialized ministry and advisory board will oversee policy development, ensuring the sector thrives with innovation and global competitiveness.
- **Education & Training:** Investment in skill development will prepare Seychellois for careers in global finance, enhancing expertise and career prospects.
- **Attracting Investment:** Policies will encourage international financial firms to establish operations in Seychelles, boosting employment and economic diversification.
- **Regulatory Excellence:** Strengthening transparency and governance will build investor confidence and ensure Seychelles remains a trusted global financial hub.

## 18. Bring Back Joie De Vivre

### Enhancing Community Spaces – Playgrounds, Parks, and District Centers for All

**The Plan:** Our administration will invest in local playgrounds, district community centers, community programs, intergenerational programs and public parks to create safe, accessible, and well-maintained spaces for families, elderlies, children, and communities to gather, play, and connect.

#### How It Will Work:

- Build and renovate district playgrounds and recreational parks to provide safe areas for children and families.
- Develop modern community centers in each district for social events, youth programs, and cultural activities.
- Ensure proper maintenance, security, and lighting in all public spaces to enhance safety and usability.

**The Benefit:** This initiative will strengthen community bonds, encourage outdoor activities, and provide dedicated spaces for social and cultural engagement, making every district more vibrant and family-friendly.

### Bringing Home Gold – Investing in Our Athletes

**The Plan:** Our administration will develop a structured national sports program to identify and support top-performing athletes from an early age, ensuring Seychelles competes at the highest levels.

**How It Will Work:** Establish state-of-the-art training programs, provide world-class coaching, and offer financial support for athletes to train and compete internationally.

**The Benefit:** This policy will create a strong foundation for sports development, inspire the next generation, and set Seychelles on the path to winning its first Olympic medal.

### Hotel-Community Partnerships – Strengthening Local Ties

**The Plan:** Our administration will encourage a voluntary partnership program where major hotels actively support local communities by investing in sports teams, small producers, and social initiatives.

**How It Will Work:** Hotels will be invited to sponsor local projects, creating mutually beneficial relationships where businesses give back while enhancing their brand image and community engagement.

**The Benefit:** This policy will promote sustainable tourism, boost local businesses, and create a deeper connection between the hospitality industry and Seychellois communities, ensuring shared prosperity for all.

### Culture & Art – Branding Seychelles Like Hawaii & Bali

**The Plan:** Our administration will promote Seychellois culture by supporting local artists, musicians, and creatives while launching a national branding initiative to showcase Seychelles globally.

**How It Will Work:** Develop creative spaces, fund artistic programs, and produce branded merchandise that highlights Seychelles' rich culture in international markets.

**The Benefit:** This policy will boost national pride, create new economic opportunities for artists, and position Seychelles as a cultural destination, attracting more visitors and investment.

### Create the Best Roads in Africa – A Commitment to Quality Infrastructure

**The Plan:** Our administration will launch a long-term infrastructure program to modernize and maintain Seychelles' road network, ensuring safe, durable, and high-quality roads across the country.

**How It Will Work:** Implement a nationwide road development strategy focused on full rehabilitation, modernization, and regular maintenance rather than short-term patchwork fixes.

**The Benefit:** This policy will improve transportation safety, reduce vehicle maintenance costs, enhance connectivity, and support economic growth, ensuring that every Seychellois benefits from world-class road infrastructure.

#### • **Carnivals & Festivals – Celebrating Culture, Boosting Local Industries**

**-The Plan:** Our administration will expand and promote cultural carnivals and festivals across Seychelles to showcase our rich heritage, strengthen national pride, and drive economic growth by supporting local businesses, artisans, and performers.

**-How It Will Work:** Organize annual and seasonal festivals featuring Seychellois music, dance, food, and crafts to attract both locals and tourists.

**-The Benefit:** These events will boost tourism, create job opportunities, support local entrepreneurs, and reinforce cultural identity, making Seychelles a vibrant hub for celebration and economic activity.

#### • **The Orange Economy – Supporting Creatives and Content Creators**

**The Plan:** Our administration will actively support and develop Seychelles' creative industries by empowering local artists, digital creators, filmmakers, musicians, designers, and storytellers. We will recognize creativity as a powerful economic force and a pillar of national identity.

**How It Will Work:** Establish funding programs, creator hubs, and training initiatives to help content creators access resources, tools, and platforms. Create opportunities through national campaigns, competitions, and digital showcases that highlight Seychellois talent locally and globally.

**The Benefit:** This will spark innovation, generate new jobs in digital and creative sectors, promote our culture on the global stage, and build a self-sustaining creative economy that turns passion into prosperity for the Seychellois people.

#### **Strengthening Animal Rights - Protection, Welfare, and Respect for All Creatures**

**-The Plan:** Our administration will introduce and enforce stronger animal protection laws to safeguard the welfare of pets and animals in Seychelles. We will ensure that no act of cruelty goes unpunished, and that animals receive the care, dignity, and respect they deserve in a compassionate society.

**- How It Will Work:** Establish a national Animal Welfare Authority to oversee protection efforts, enforce cruelty prevention laws, regulate breeding and pet care standards, and provide education programs to promote responsible ownership. Animal shelters and veterinary support will be expanded.

**-The Benefit:** This policy will eliminate cruelty and neglect, promote humane treatment of animals, encourage responsible pet ownership, and foster a culture of empathy and care that reflects our national values. A more compassionate Seychelles begins with how we treat the most vulnerable.

#### • **Legalizing Car Racing – A Sport for the Peoples**

**-The Plan:** Our administration will establish a legal and regulated car racing framework, creating an official Seychelles Vehicle Racing League to provide a safe and structured environment for motorsports enthusiasts.

**-How It Will Work:** Designate controlled racing areas and implement strict safety regulations to prevent illegal street racing and ensure participant and spectator safety.

**-The Benefit:** This policy will reduce illegal racing, promote road safety, and create new sporting and economic opportunities, engaging young enthusiasts while boosting local businesses involved in motorsports.

#### **A Call to Action**

Seychelles deserves better. Seychelles United Movement is ready to deliver. On September 27, 2025, vote for a government that listens, acts, and transforms. With Maarco Francis and SUM, your hope becomes our mission. Let's build a Seychelles we're proud to call home: **TOGETHER**

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